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REPORT OF SCHOOLS CONFEDERATE RALLY

SNYDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE GOOD MONTH—ENROLLMENT OVER SEVEN HUNDRED

The school has been taught for fall twenty days this month and the teachers have all been in their places and none have been tardy. It has been an exceptionally good month for the schools. With the exception of an epidemic of La Grippe we have had no hindrances from disease and the weather has been favorable. The attendance has been the best for several years.

The enrollment now in the schools has passed the seven hundred mark by two and even then some are still to be enrolled. This increase shows that the city is fast filling up with new citizens and we are glad to welcome them. The average attendance the past month has been sixty four more than the month previous. The average is more than the number of pupils enrolled last May by the census enumerator and the transfers combined. This shows clearly that there is at least a considerable increase in the number of people in the city. This increased attendance is being cared for the very best possible, however, some of the rooms are crowded and the teachers are not able to do the work as well as they could under more favorable circumstances.

The school activities are prospering. The Episcopalian Society holds meetings every Monday afternoon at four o'clock and renders a good literary program. These girls are now beginning to put numbers on their program for morning exercises and are making a good showing. The Jefferson Literary Society has done its best work this year. Under the leadership of its president, Clifton Doak, it meets every Thursday night and programs of debate and declamation and music are rendered. These young men will some day be the leading men of the country, because they are now making that preparation that will fit them to be leaders in their communities. The debaters, twelve in number, are putting on the preliminary debates in the high school auditorium. The last one of the first series will be held next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. Then they will have eliminated six and there will only be six of the boys to try for the honor of representing the school in the county contest which will be held in March.

The basketball and other athletic sections are doing fine work. The Glee Club which was organized and is being trained by Mr. Black is rendering some fine music and promises a nice public entertainment in the near future.

The school has put in a new Jesse French piano this month and will pay for it without calling on the Board for funds. Any person who feels an interest in this matter is requested to contribute. We are sure that nothing has added so much to our pleasure and culture at the morning exercises as the piano.

The honor roll for the month is as follows:

Central Building.

Miss Helen's room—Vera Turner, 97; Morris Watson, 94; Loree Stokes, 95; Raymond Cole, 91; Lyle Deffenbach, 95; Bess Johnston, 91; Myrtle Pierce, 92; Lois Bate, 95; Zula Crockett, 91; Raymond Sims, 91.

Miss "Eda Maxwell's" room—Margaret Higgins, 92; Don Payne, 90; Virde Nelson, 92; Mattie Jones, 91; Jewell Fowler, 91; Auli Peckay, 92; Wilfred Brice, 91; Muri Pryor, 92; Lela Isaacs, 92; Raymond Acton, 91.

Miss Hull's room—Ethel Ford, 92; Olive Richardson, 92; Clyde Fowler, 94; Thelma Maudlin, 92; Thomas Monroe, 92; Emma Taylor, 97; Jessie Bostwick, 92; Clara Mary Couch, 92.

Miss Moore's room—Ernest Griggs, 92; Alton Nelson, 92; Ivan Elkins, 94; Odell Blackard, 94; Henry Cotton, 95; Myrtle Ross Cunningham, 95; Gladys Fowler, 94; Lewis McConnell, 91; Edwena Barnes, 94; Mary Strathorn, 94.

Miss Hall's room—Fannie Glenn, 91; Mary Frances Hamlett, 94; Ida Ruth Mosemer, 91; Elizabeth Stokes, 94; Vera Nellie Grantham, 91; Orville

SUTTER COUNTY TO HAVE BIG TWO DAYS PICNIC AND RE-UNION IN JULY

Camp Hill Scurry met Monday afternoon in regular session. Roll call was answered by a dozen veterans. There was no regular business before the camp, but they had a pleasant social hour.

Comrade Lane called up the matter of a re-union and it was favorably discussed. Comrade Shaw made a motion that we pull off a Confederate picnic in Snyder on July 6 and 7, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The camp then adopted a resolution saying: "It is the purpose of the Camp Hill Scurry to co-operate with the citizenship of Snyder and Sutter county in holding a Confederate rally and picnic in Snyder on July 6 and 7, 1915, and all the people of the county are urged and expected to lend encouragement and co-operation to make the occasion a success."

Committees from the Camp and committees of the citizenship of the county are expected to work together in outlining plans for the event. It is desirable to have every section of the county represented on these committees and every man, woman and child will be expected to lend moral support to the enterprise.

This event will be a grand coming together for a grand celebration in gratitude for the fruitful seasons and the blessing of peace and prosperity. Let us hope that all the people will rally to the old soldiers and make the two days picnic a great event.

First Monday in Snyder

Lots of men were in Snyder last Monday. These First Monday events are great occasions. People were here from all parts of the county and the general talk was that by far the greater part of the cotton is picked and preparations are under way for spring plowing. Great many farmers are entirely through picking and most of them have cotton unseeded. There will be a large acreage sown to oats if the present plans are carried out. Nobody wants to raise as much cotton again, at such prices as have prevailed. You can hardly find a farmer who has not produced at least a partial his meat supply and most of them have hogs coming in for next year.

There has been less delinquency in tax payments than usual and taken all in all, Sutter county people are pretty well looked up.

Children, 91; Granville Dawson, 93; Elizabeth Maudlin, 92.

Colonial Hill Building

Miss Maxwell's room—Janice Carter, 95; Loris Blackard, 92; Ruby Burdett, 91; Berry Chapman, 90; Rosa Lee Clark, 91; Rita Duff, 91; Martin Rosser, 92; G. B. Clark, Jr., 94.

Miss Kelly's room—Fourth month should have been reported last report—Ellen Buice Johnson, 94; Clara Belle Clark, 94; Ernestine Rosser, 95; Ruth Belle Boren, 94; Ruth Rosser, 95; Crede Caddell, 92; Aubrey Stokes, 94; Harold Brown, 95; Maudie Burdett, 91; Elaine Hosmer, 91; Ella Pearl Baker, 93; Pearl Forrester, 90; Lela Blackard, 92; Crawford Fullilove, 92; Lela Caddell, 94. Fifth month—Aubrey Stokes, 91; Crede Caddell, 91; Maurine Reagins, 91; Ruth Rosser, 92; Ellen Buice Johnson, 92; Ernestine Rosser, 92; Maudie Burdett, 91; Elaine Hosmer, 92; Lary Waskom, 95; Crawford Fullilove, 92.

North Ward Building

Miss Porter's room—Lennie Davis, 92; Alfred McGowan, 92; Nannie Wilson, 92; Edward Warren, 92; David Curry, 94; Ruby Baird, 92.

Miss Heath's room—Janice Davis, 94; Pauline Jenkins, 94; Thelma Parker, 90; Nellie Wilson, 91; George Smith, 91; Denton Hull, 90.

The report cards have been sent out this month and we respectfully ask all parents who are not satisfied with the work as indicated to call on us and let us talk the matter over with them. With thanks for co-operation, I am yours to serve,

E. A. WATSON, Supt.

"Let Texas Feed Itself" Committee

Albert L. Reed, of Dallas; Chas. E. Wynne, Jr., of Fort Worth, and Lee Francis, of Dallas, came to Snyder Thursday morning on the Santa Fe and circulated among the business men, bankers and other citizens.

A general meeting was called at the Court House, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and a most interesting hour to heart talk was participated in by all who had the time and interest to attend.

Papers compiled by H. H. Cottrill were distributed, containing the following extract:

The cotton grower should in 1915 produce the food for his family and the feed for his stock. Then the store will be only a few dollars and the farmer will be comfortable financially even though cotton does not bring over five cents a pound. The cotton grower should never take a dollar from the sale of cotton to buy either food or feed.

For the Family:

The cotton grower should plant one-half acre in garden, putting everything in rows, thirty inches apart, so that most of the work can be done with a one horse cultivator. As soon as one crop is eaten, plant another in its place. In this way two or three crops of vegetables will be grown from the same ground on much of the land. A garden of this size, well attended, will supply all the fresh vegetables a large family can eat for eight or ten months and enough for canning to furnish pickles, preserves and canned vegetables every meal through the winter. Just \$4.75 will buy all the seed needed and if the work is well done, the garden will furnish more food than can be bought at a store for \$200, as much as the average ten acres of cotton will buy. The cotton grower should plant a half an acre to Irish potatoes early in the spring.

The cotton grower should plant a half an acre to sweet potatoes. The seed to produce the plants for this acre should not cost over \$2.35. Under this plan it will take one and a half acres to a garden and Irish and sweet potatoes and the total cost of the seed will not be over \$17. The farmer who rents should get the use of this amount of land by agreeing to deliver to the landlord all the cotton raised on an equal area.

The cotton grower on the small farm should get two dozen young hens. They can pick up half their feed and when fed generously to supply the remainder, will produce eggs at a cost of not over five cents a dozen. The hens should be set as fast as they show the inclination. Starting

with two dozen hens it is easy to raise 200 chickens during the summer. Chickens well fed are ready to eat in eight weeks from hatching. The eggs will save buying much bacon through the spring and as soon as the young "fry" are ready to eat the need to buy meat stops.

The cotton grower should have one sow to raise pigs to furnish meat for his family. A good sow that has two litters a year will raise ten to sixteen pigs. The sow and the first litter of pigs can be kept on the waste from the kitchen, pasture, or green stuff, cut and thrown to them, and five or six pounds of grain a day until the farmer can raise the crops to feed more heavily. The pigs will furnish bacon, hams, shoulder, fresh pork and lard at an actual cost of one-fourth of what an equal amount of good meat can be bought at the store.

The cotton grower who follows this plan will have to buy for his table, only sugar, salt, pepper, flour and meat, and if he is thrifty, he will have a surplus of garden truck or some eggs or a few chickens that he can trade for these so that at settling time in the fall he will not owe a dollar for food.

The following figures were given by authentic sources as being the amount sent out of Texas for products as named, which could and should be raised by our own Texas people:

Pork, products	\$54,400,000.00
Corn	66,000,000.00
Kaffir	28,000,000.00
Flour and Wheat, home consumption	15,000,000.00
Oats	4,000,000.00
Peas	12,000,000.00
Hay	10,000,000.00
Heavy Products	12,000,000.00
Bees and Honey	2,000,000.00
Wool	3,000,000.00
Honey	2,000,000.00
Tobacco	2,000,000.00
Brown corn	500,000.00
Secum corn	10,000,000.00

The following local citizens were heard among those present at the county house meeting:

J. Z. Noble, Mayor; E. J. Anderson, Secretary; V. M. D. L.; J. M. Chisholm, Publisher Signal; W. T. Thompson, druggist and farmer; R. E. Cox, druggist; Joe Taylor, grocer; E. A. McMath, grocer; J. S. Hardie, Editor Signal; J. W. Thompson, grocer; D. P. Strathorn, saddler; Joe Strathorn; J. K. Blackard, furniture and hardware; R. W. Nelson, variety store; W. S. Adams, District Clerk; John Parsons, farmer; Geo. Brown, County Commissioner.

Tax Collections Good

City Marshal Wolfe and Charlie Lockhart have estimated that about 85 per cent of the city taxes in Snyder were paid this year before Feb. 1st and County Collector Curry and Pat Johnston estimate about the same per cent of State and county taxes paid. This is a much better showing than usual. The entire budget of State and county taxes charged up on the rolls amounted to \$74,702.80 and the collector's office estimates \$71,000 paid.

The poll tax payments this year have fallen below the total paid last year. There were 1243 polls paid in the county this year, distributed to the precincts as follows:

Snyder, 494; Cottonwood, 6; Elkins, 41; Denton, 49; Fluvanna, 25; Monroe, 32; Blum, 27; Red Bluff, 25; Ira, 102; Bethel, 49; Dunn, 102; Lone Wolf, 29; Pryor, 27; Hemlock, 167; Camp Springs, 42; Canyon, 42; Lloyd Mountain, 18.

Snyder Gls Report

Report from the four gins at Snyder, up-to-date:

Fuller Gls 3,481
Brice-Burnett 3,122
Beare-Derby Gls 3,113
Farmers' Union Gls 3,078

The Weather

The weather in West Texas for two or three weeks has been so temperate and mild that people have begun to feel a degree of uneasiness about the fruit crop.

On last Saturday afternoon there came a rain and hail storm, giving a precipitation of 17 of an inch. A cold spell was expected to follow, but didn't come. On Wednesday of this week a high wind prevailed from the northwest and old timers looked for a norther, but the wind was blown from the south Thursday morning with no immediate prospect of a blizzardous visitation. The wind went back to the West during Thursday.

Selling Sudan Seed

Rev. C. H. Kelly was here Thursday sending out by parcels post a number of packages of Sudan grass seed to farmers in different parts in Texas and some in Louisiana. He sells the seed at 30 cents a pound. Rev. Kelly had five acres of Sudan last season. His first cutting made 74 tons and the second cutting made four tons. From this he has threshed about 100 bushels of seed for which he has found ready sale. The straw is just as good for feed without the seed as with it and his stock prefer the Sudan hay to oat straw.

PROPOSE NEW STATE CIVIC BEAUTY MOVE

SENATOR JOHNSON INTRODUCES RESOLUTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 28.—Efforts of the Representatives of Western Texas to obtain more adequate representation in the Texas Legislature and in Congress took a new turn today when Senator Johnson of Hall county introduced a joint resolution providing for the creation of a new state to be known as Jefferson.

The measure had been prepared quietly and secretly by its author and the very reading of it caused a stir and witnessed before in the Senate chamber this year.

"A bluff," some Senators said, but their surprise was manifest.

The resolution provided for the setting off of four senatorial districts out of the Panhandle and Western Texas, now represented by Senators Connor, Rudolph, Bradford and Johnson. They are the twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Districts.

Cited Federal Authority.

As in the sight of Texas is subdivided into other States of its own volition without regard to the Federal Government the body of the bill contains a paragraph from the ordinance under which the Republic of Texas was admitted into the United States.

"No New States of convenient size not exceeding four in number in addition to said state of Texas, and having a sufficient population, may hereafter, by consent of said state be formed, out of the territory thereof, which shall be entitled to admission under the provisions of the Federal Constitution."

In the preamble of the resolution it is set forth as a cause for the proposition to create a new state, as a result of the failure of the State Legislature to reorganize Texas into congressional and senatorial subdivisions the portion of the State of Texas being since 1845 without sufficient representation in proportion to its population. It is charged that the House of Representatives of the State and Senate have been largely unrepresentative in the failure of the Legislature to reorganize the subdivisions of the State into congressional and senatorial districts in order to control the balance of the State. It is stated also that the territory is entitled to more than double its present representation in the Senate and two additional members of Congress now serving as representatives of the State at large under a fair apportionment.

Line of Division.

The line of the proposed new state where it would border on Texas would follow the east side of Clay, Palo Pinto, Jack, Erath, Comanche, Mills, Bosque, and the south side of Llano, Kimble, Edwards, Kinney and Maverick.

The resolution provides that an election on the constitutional amendment shall be held on the first Tuesday in July and that in the event the amendment is adopted an election shall be held in the new state on the first Tuesday in August to elect state officials; that the first session of the Legislature shall convene in the city of Abilene on the second Tuesday of September and that the laws of Texas shall serve as the laws of Jefferson until they are amended or changed. The members of the First Legislature would be the present members of the Texas Legislature from the territory embraced in the new state, and they are to reelect the state, present county and precinct officers would hold their offices in the new state.

Supplied School Lands.

In the preamble it is stated that the territory cut off has supplied practically all the public school lands and is yet supplying many times more lands than is being returned to it for school purposes. In the body of the resolution it is provided that the State of Jefferson shall receive from the State of Texas the money derived from its portion of the sale of public school lands of Texas and also such sums now on hand as shall have originated within its borders.

LADIES OF SNYDER TAKING ACTIVE INTEREST IN CIVIC IMPROVEMENT WORK

The Signal learns with pleasure that a number of Snyder women have decided upon a course of civic betterment that ought to appeal to the men. It is understood that the ladies are planning to look after the flower beds in the court house yard and see that attractive flowers are grown there instead of farm plants, nettles and pursley. They propose also to give attention to Scarborough street and seek to encourage the planting and cultivation of shade trees on every lot abutting on that street from the square to the Santa Fe station.

If the women take these matters up they will succeed and it is then up to the male population to prove their efficiency as town builders. With an active campaign along these lines, it will be interesting to note the rapid development of civic improvement in Snyder.

Seventh Birthday Party

Little Miss Ida Maeine Whitmore celebrated her seventh birthday on Saturday, Jan. 30, with a party of her little friends, at her home in west Snyder.

The guests came at 2:30 o'clock and much fun and merriment was had in the various games which were played.

The little hostess was very hospitable and charming to her guests, and the afternoon was a pleasant one to each of them.

In the dining room the table was decorated prettily for the occasion with baskets of fruit and candy. A white birthday cake, bearing seven candles formed the centerpiece of the table.

Twenty three little guests enjoyed the party.

City Council Matters

The City Council met Monday night in regular session. Present, Mayor Noble, Deputy Mayor Anderson, City Marshal Wolfe, Aldermen Pichan, Cassin, Monroe, Hulse and Maxwell.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Accounts were audited and ordered paid.

Bill \$44.18 of Electric Company referred to street committee.

Motion to pay night watchman \$5 a month defeated.

Council voted to pay Joe Merritt \$100 for assessing city taxes for this year.

Secretary instructed to pay all approved bills.

Farmers' Union Matters

A largely attended Farmers Union meeting was held in Fort Worth this week. An important movement was set on foot to finance the cotton crop of 1915. The convention was opposed to cotton pools, such as have been attempted during the past months.

Our Mr. F. I. Tewkesend was appointed along with Peter Radford and three other prominent Texans as a resolutions committee. Here are summed the items of legislation to be urged by the Farmers Union.

Resolutions that were adopted call for a change in the state penitentiary system as outlined in the resolution of the District Union, compulsory school attendance, free of from \$25 to \$1.00 for every, adequate appropriation for marketing work by the department of agriculture, rural high schools, freedom from local taxes for cotton mills and other manufacturing enterprises, simplification of court procedure, abolishment of a full jury verdict and separation of A. & M. and the university and a constitutional amendment calling for a graduated land tax and state aid to assist tenants to purchase homes. The advantages of permanent citizenship are recited as showing the need of the last plan.

A resolution for enforced cotton acreage reduction was reported unfavorably and not passed. Objections to it are that farmers already are awake to the situation, that such a law would not hold and that it should not be the act of one state alone. South Carolina which enacted such a law repented it.